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EDITORIALS

Dr. Walter McCarroll has been appointed as a contributing editor of "Olive Trees," and his service each month will be to furnish the editorial comments which will appear on these opening pages. This feature of the magazine has been omitted of recent months, owing to the fact that the present editor was unable to find time to write them. We are glad that this feature is now to be so well supplied.

MCLEOD M. PEARCE.



OUR NEW PRESIDENT

In Robert J. Bole, the Board of Foreign Missions has secured a president worthy to follow in the footsteps of Andrew Alexander, Henry O'Neill and Sterrett Metheny. For some years Mr. Bole has been a member of the Board and taken an active part in its deliberations. His unfailing courtesy to and interest in outgoing and homecoming missionaries have endeared him to the hearts of all who have come into touch with him. We bespeak for our new president an interest in the prayers of the whole Church.

OUTGOING MISSIONARIES

An unusually large number of outgoing missionaries sailed on the "Canada," of the Fibre line, on August 4; the returning missionaries Dr. and Mrs. McFarland, the newly-appointed workers Dr. and Mrs. Esmond Smith, and the short term young men Remo Robb and Robert George. Representatives of the Board and others were present to bid them godspeed. We were impressed with two things:

First, that God does not allow the Church to despair of nor to abandon the work in the Levant. To many the meagre results of the past fifty years have appeared incommensurate with the efforts put forth, and they have concluded that the Church is not justified in the continuance of such a heavy expenditure of men and money in a field so barren. Yet in spite of unbelief, and even despair on the part of some, the Lord of the harvest continues to thrust forth laborers into that field. Must we not conclude that the Lord has a gracious purpose for that land rendered dear to the Church by the sacred dust of those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves? This band of missionaries filled with faith and hope rebuked faint hearts and unbelief.

Secondly, we were impressed with the thought that in spite of the spirit of the age, young men are still ready for the great adventure of faith, "accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt." By faith they renounce the hope of greater material gains for a spiritual service that brings the Lord's blessing and addeth no sorrow therewith. The Spirit of Christ is still moving upon the hearts of our young people.

THE URGE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

To every generation must be presented anew the "Why and Wherefore" of Foreign Missions. Very many times in each generation as the mode of attack varies, the lines of defense must be presented. The Student Volunteer Movement finds it necessary to present the claims of Foreign Missions at least once in four years in order to adequately reach the college student of each generation. We may be forgiven then if we venture to present some thoughts on the "Why" of Foreign Missions.

Some have sought to abolish the distinction between Home and Foreign Missions on the ground that the work is one and the locality makes no difference. In a sense this is true, yet there is a difference. Home Missions may be justified on the ground of expediency as merely a measure of self-defense. An instinct of self-preservation moves the Church to carry on work at home. Motives of patriotism may move to the combatting of forces which sap and destroy the spiritual and moral fibre of the nation. But Foreign Missions are distinctly an aggressive movement, a carrying of the war into the enemy's camp, if we may so designate it. Since other peoples and nations have religions of their own with which they appear well satisfied, and to which multitudes of them are fanatically devoted, how can we justify the position of apparent arrogance on the part of the Christian Church in venturing to invade other lands and proselytize the adherents of other religions?

In these days of "relativity" the absoluteness and finality of the Christian religion needs to be emphasized. Amid the clash of so many philosophical theories of the world, it is well to remind ourselves of the Christian view of God and the world. The en-

trance of God into human life is organic and final. If the revelation of God in Christ is true it cannot be superseded, and it is a revelation for all mankind. The Christian missionary goes forth with a message which he is conscious is a world message. The throbbing life of this great revelation cannot be "cribbed cabinet and confined" within the boundaries of any nation or land. All other philosophies are pantheistic or atheistic hostile to the conception of a personal God and the immortality of the soul. The best and strongest defense of the Christian view and position is a positive and aggressive attack in all lands. The conflict is vital and there can be no discharge in that war for the Christian soldier. Let Christianity remain passive and on the defensive and defeat is certain. *Foreign Missions constitute the front line of defense of the Apologetics of the Christian Religion.*

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WORK OF WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

We have received reports from Women's Missionary Societies of Regina, New Concord, Greeley and Olathe congregations, which we would be glad to publish in full if space permitted. We give in condensed form the account of work done in each. All show good work and generous contributions made to various schemes of the church and other worthy causes.

The Regina Society reports a membership of twelve and a total of \$144.61 raised, which makes an average of over twelve dollars per member. Most of the money raised was the result of the work done by members of the society in various ways. They followed the "Uniform Program" prepared by the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society, and used the "Bible and Missions" as a mission study book.

The New Concord Society, while not large, has held regular meetings and contributed in all \$255.87. It sent

boxes of clothes to Mersine and Southern Mission, and a barrel of fruit to the "Home for the Aged." It kept in touch with missionaries and received letters from a number, which were read at the meetings. Miss Henning led the Mission Study. The book used was the "Bible and Missions."

The Greeley women have spent a busy year in their society, having held sixteen meetings. They have a membership of fifty-three. Their receipts for the year were \$226.37, which has been used in various ways. Their special contribution goes for the support of Lau Yung, our Chinese Bible woman, for which they pay \$50 annually. Twenty-one copies of OLIVE TREES are taken by the members.

The women of the Missionary Society helped in the entertainment of last Synod. In October, 1920, they acted as hostess to the Federated Missionary Society of Greeley, which held an all-day meeting in the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Lunch was served to eighty women.

Mrs. Blackwood had charge of Mission Study; the book used being "Bible and Missions." They also report a flourishing Junior society, under the leadership of the pastor's wife. The membership is twenty. They raised twenty-five dollars—twenty of which was given to the "Missionary Budget."

The report from Olathe tells of good work done by that society. They raised \$437.68, much of which came as a result of work done by the members of the society.

We note with interest the fact that this society subscribed for good magazines for each of our Foreign Mission Stations.

They contributed forty dollars for a native teacher in China. They also sent boxes to Latakia and Southern Mission. They report a membership of thirty-seven, two of whom are teaching in our Southern Mission, Miss Jennie Smith and Miss Elsie McGee.

MORNING SUN

Annual Report of the Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society.

1920—1921

We have held twelve regular meetings, with an enrollment of forty members and an average attendance of eighteen. Death did not enter our circle the past year, but before the first month of the new year one member, Mrs. J. A. Reid, was called home.

At our May meeting, 1920, we adopted the new Synodical Constitution and carried out the programs sent out by the Synodical. We sent a barrel of clothing to the Southern Mission and two barrels of fruit to the "Aged People's Home." We took up two books for study, "Bible and Missions" and the "Church and Community."

Treasurer's Report.

Money on hand May 1, 1920..	\$9.86
Money received by 'dues, May 1, 1920	
Notions and quilting	152.43
Money received for Thanksgiving offering	223.50
Money received for Pres. tax	3.40
Money received for Synodical tax	7.45
	\$396.94

Disbursements.

Paid to Foreign Missions....	\$114.30
Paid to China Mission	5.00
Paid to Thanksgiving offering	223.50
Pres. and Synodical tax	16.80
Local work and Society expenses	27.46
	\$387.06
Balance in Treasury	\$9.88

MRS. LIZZIE MARSHALL,
Secretary.

MRS. J. T. CARITHERS,

Treasurer.

Morning Sun, Iowa, July 8, 1921.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AND NOTES OF THE WORKERS

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Philadelphia, Penna.

Following their prolonged and strenuous service during the War, Dr. James S. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart have been granted by the Board an extended furlough of another year before their return to field service. They are now in E. E. Pittsburgh. Their son, James, Jr., will finish High School the coming year.

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Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Robb and daughter arrived on the "Monteagle," July 7. They are now at Bovina Center, N. Y., the former home of Mrs. Robb. Dr. Robb, while still far from well, is much improved since his return.

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Dr. and Mrs. A. J. McFarland, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Messrs. Remo S. Robb and Robert W. George were a party of missionaries who sailed from Brooklyn on the "Canada," August 4. Messrs. Robb and George go to Cyprus, the others to Syria.

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Miss Mary E. Shanks, returning in poor health from Syria, arrived in Boston, July 20. She was met by Mr. John M. Edgar and Dr. and Mrs. Dickson. Mr. Edgar took her to his home. After resting a few days she started westward to her home in Denver, reaching there July 29.

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It is a strange providence which has thus in one short year brought this devoted young woman back to America. Without doubt God has some mysterious lesson for us to learn from such mysterious dealings. Yet that Miss Shanks should have been seized in Syria with the dread influenza and been obliged to come home to make recovery will seem no more mysterious to many parents at home than that their own sons and daughters, in the strength of their early

manhood and womanhood, should have been taken with the same ailment and snatched from their arms, no longer to serve on earth. Both before and since coming home Miss Shanks has been given assurance by the physicians that she should in the not distant future be fully restored. And in this connection it may be said that Dr. A. I. Robb is making even more rapid gain than was anticipated on his leaving China.

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Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Adams have moved to Tak Hing, leaving Do Sing Mission interests in the hands of Miss Brownlee and Miss McCracken.

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LO TING, CHINA

Mrs. W. M. Robb writes from Lo Ting, July 9, and says:

"Misses Dean and Stewart left yesterday for their vacation. Miss Dean goes to Shanghai, where she will meet her sister, who is in the Presbyterian Mission in Korea. They will spend their vacation together in Kuling.

"Miss Stewart goes to Kowloon, across the bay from Hong Kong.

"Miss Barr, Dr. Wallace and our family plan to leave Lo Ting the 19th. With the exception of Miss Barr, who goes to Kukiang, our vacations will be spent at Cheung Chau."

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The teacher of the first grade in Redpath Memorial Girls' School teaches, as some one has put it, of a "very good God, a very bad devil, and a very hot hell." Some of the little girls who returned to their heathen homes and told what they had learned were at once laughed at and were asked, "Well, what harm do you suppose fire, even if it is hot, is going to do to a dead corpse?" This made the little maidens think and they came to

the conclusion that it was the soul that suffered the tortures of eternal burnings.

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About two months ago, a little slave girl about 14 years of age, who had been very badly burned, was brought to the hospital. About one-third of the skin surface of her body was burned. Dr. Wallace worked most faithfully over her for two months, manifesting our Saviour constantly in the care she gave her, and telling her every day of his love for little children. In our prayer meetings together, we often prayed for her that she might be healed, but one night Dr. Wallace said that the new skin was beginning to break down, and she feared she could not live very long. We then prayed that God would not take her until she really trusted Him as her Saviour, and we claimed her for the Master.

The next day her people came to see her and scolded her in regular heathen style for not getting well, or else not dying, instead of just lying there in the hospital spending all their money. The poor little sufferer wept bitterly. Later in the day, when Dr. Wallace went in to see her, the matron told the doctor of the scolding the little girl had received, and she wept again. Doctor said to her very tenderly, "You know that Jesus loves you anyhow, don't you? Would you like to go to heaven and be with him?" Her reply was "Yes."

Two days later her eyes were closed in her last sleep, but the peaceful, tranquil expression on the little white face was very noticeable.

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The Mission in China is again called upon to pass through deep waters. On the 18th of May it was decided that Dr. A. I. Robb should return to America on account of his health. This has been a staggering blow to us as a mission, but we know our loving Father makes no mistakes, so we humbly bow to His sovereign will.

Lo Tsing Pooi, a Christian young man, who is in business, has resolutely refused to buy and sell on Sabbath for over a year. One day recently he purchased some goods at Lo Ting and called a carrier to take the stuff to Lo King, his place of business, some 25 miles distant, he himself accompanying. It turned out that he made the trip on Sabbath, and while not actually buying and selling was transgressing the Lord's day. He testified since that for a whole week following he had very little business, and said he believed the Lord was dealing with him as he did with the Israelites when they had to go into captivity till the land should enjoy her Sabbaths. It is refreshing to find a youth so sensitive to the Lord's dealings with him.

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The Redpath Memorial School for Girls has just closed a very successful term under the efficient management of Misses Dean and Stewart and their faithful corps of assistants. Eighty-four pupils have been enrolled and the attendance has been good throughout the term. Four-fifths of the pupils come from heathen homes, but the influence of the school and the whole environment is so distinctively Christian that the influence of the gospel cannot but penetrate into the homes represented, and we trust, will bring many through the leadership of these little children to worship before him.

The semester closed with a very charming commencement program on July 5th. There were four graduates, all but one professed Christians, and the exception, it is believed, is a Christian at heart, but is hindered by her people from being baptized. Two of the three are from Christian homes. Written invitations had been extended to the other schools in the city, and these responded with greetings, and in some cases by the personal attendance of teachers and pupils. The magistrate of Lo Ting also graced the occasion by his presence. A very interesting program, in which the younger

pupils had a share in songs and flag drill, was carried out. Refreshments of tea and cakes were served to almost 400 guests. All in all, the occasion was a memorable one in the history of the institution, and served to give the school added prestige in the community, and to emphasize that education is for girls as well as for boys, and that Christianity is the factor that is needed to make it complete.

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The hearts of our entire mission circle were greatly saddened when tidings came of the homegoing of our dear Doctor Metheny. "None knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise." We counted it a special favor to know him personally. As some one remarked, "He was one who inspired confidence."

When we behold the grandeur and beauty of his life as fashioned by the hand of the Great Artist, our hearts yearn for more of Him who is the Life, that we may live out the indwelling Christ, as he did. One cannot but love the Lord whom he served so faithfully.

Our hearts are sad because we will see his kindly face no more here on this earth, but we think of him as being numbered in the great cloud of witnesses who compass us about, and this is an added incentive to us to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus.

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TAK HING, CHINA

The Tak Hing news items are from Mrs. Kempf and dated July 4:

"Since last writing to you we have had in the neighborhood of fifty thousand soldiers pass through Tak Hing on their way to attack the next province, Kwong Sai. Last week they took Wuchau, an important city in Kwong Sai. It is on the West River near the border line.

"For about a week the steamers

were all stopped on the River but are beginning to run now."

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"We were all very sorry to have to part with Dr. Robb who, on account of his health, sailed on the 'Monteagle' on June 14. It is our earnest prayer that Dr. and Mrs. Robb and Jean will have a pleasant and safe passage to the homeland and that the Doctor will be fully restored to health and strength."

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"The schools are now about to close for the summer. The training class for native preachers closed last Friday, and the young men started out to their different fields of labor today. May they be conscious of the presence of the Lord ever with them and may their labors be greatly blessed. Will you not pray for these young Chinese preachers?"

"The girls' and women's school closes this week.

"The boys' school closes next Monday. This year it has had the largest attendance in its history, the enrollment reaching ninety. When the soldiers were here the other schools in Tak Hing were closed but the Mission schools continued as usual. For this we feel that we have much reason to be thankful that our work was not interrupted."

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The following is a copy of two letters written by Mrs. Goforth, and the Canadian Famine Relief Committee, acknowledging the receipt of \$2,186.99 gold, famine relief contribution sent to China by Treasurer, Joseph M. Steele, in March:

"Ki Kung Shan, May 24, 1921.

"Dear Mr. Kempf:

"Your letter and enclosed check for \$4185.66 Mex. has just reached me. I am forwarding it today to Dr. Leslie, Changeifu, North Honan, the treasurer of the Canadian Presbyterian Famine Relief Committee, from whom you will later receive a receipt:

"This is, indeed, a handsome sum,

and, judging from the care which the famine funds have this winter been handled by Dr. Leslie, this money will be wisely spent.

"Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) "ROSALIND GOFORTH."

"Erskine Hospital,
"Canadian Presbyterian Mission,
"Honan Province.
"Changteho, May 20, 1921.

"Dear Mr. Kempf:

"The very generous subscription toward Famine Relief has just come to hand through Mrs. Goforth. I send you our best thanks for this gift from your home Church. I am sending you by this mail our *Canadian Church Record*, which has a good deal of information about our work in Honan. One thing not touched on in these articles is the help given to many mothers and to widows in their homes a monthly allowance having been given to over ten thousand such women whose homes have been investigated and their need assured.

"Happily the wheat harvest will relieve the people in most sections of North Honan, but there are some districts where the wheat has failed and prolonged suffering and corresponding effort will be inevitable.

"Again thanking the American Reformed Presbyterian Church for such co-operation,

"Yours sincerely,
(Signed) "PERCY C. LESLIE,
"Sec.-Treas. Famine Relief Fund."

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ITINERATING.

April 26—Anchored at the mouth of the Lo Ting River. We are deep in the enjoyment of a novel birthday party. Kind greetings from Miss Adams and Miss Huston, some comic verses, smacking of sentiment, from Doctor McBurney; a box of fudge from Mrs. Robb, another box of candy from Mrs. Mitchell, and a lovely birthday cake from Mrs. Kempf remind us that kind friends are with us in their thoughts as we travel. The contem-

plated three days of preparation swelled to a period of two weeks and we confess we grew ashamed of the oft-repeated assurance of inquiring friends that we hoped to sail on the morrow, but with our lips still smacking of birthday sweets, as we glance over these gushing love (?) verses from the pen of Doctor Kate we can only rejoice in the delay.



A MISSIONARY CRAFT.

Following the rain and windstorm of yesterday we have had rough water and hard rowing this afternoon. We did not leave Tak Hing until 2 o'clock. The wan looks and unsteady gait of three members of our party suggested to Mr. Kempf the advisability of photographing the crowd before bidding us bon voyage. The picture may give you some idea of the exterior of our craft, and we hope it does, for we want you to see our cook's white garments floating in the breeze, our oiled sheets for rainy day use, and our terpin-like vessel with its cover of bamboo. You might be interested, too, in the big boxes on the front of the boat, but you would be more interested in these if you could see inside, for these are the containers of those very things that make every birthday after one's second worth while. We insist that while Mr. Kemp's photographic display may picture well the horrors of seasickness yet it remains but a one-sided revelation of itinerating paraphernalia. If you could get a peep at the interior of this clumsy little ark you would see a pink geranium against the seagreen wall of a cabin, in which, barring

Doctor McBurney, Mr. Kempf, and one member of this itinerating contingency, all members of the Tak Hing station can stand almost, if not altogether, erect. In this little room we have stored away so many comforts, and there is a general coziness about it all that is not half bad. Old Glory, stretched across one of the windows, reminds us that we are Americans still and shields us from the blazing heat of this late spring day.

Our party numbers eight this trip, and we are taking but one boat so Hoover has nothing on us along the lines of conservation. In this small space, covering some eighty-four square feet, we have conserved bedding for eight, two food boxes, 2 x 3 x 4 feet, another receptacle 2 x 2 x 3 feet, four large baskets of fresh vegetables, three small clay stoves, pots and pans for cooking, two hundred pounds of wood, nine suitcases, one typewriter, two cots, oiled material for covering boat in storm, one tent, three large carrying baskets, two bedboards, one pet chicken, two tables, one chair, two Americans, two Chinese Biblewomen, one human megaphone (Chinese), an old grandmother, a cook, an old Chinese uncle and a thermometer.

April 27—The sky cleared enough today to enable us to take a cross-country trip. We left our boat in the morning and visited and held meetings in four villages. We were well received and interesting inquiries were made concerning the Gospel.

April 28—A downpour of rain has hindered our work today. We were able to reach but one village. These people, rained in, were quite attentive to the talks of the two Biblewomen, and we left some tracts with them.

April 29—The clouds threatened us for a time this morning, but we accepted their challenge and went farther into the valley. We held meetings in six villages. This breaks our former resolution to limit ourselves to four villages a day in warm weath-

er. We struck what looked to us like a veritable Canaan flowing with milk and honey, but when we entered to possess the land we found it had been previously worked by some of our weaker Christians, who seem not to have placed the Church far above the common lottery, for the united opinion of these villages is that the Church is merely a machine with which a poor man may connect, deposit a penny each week, and draw out a soft job. It seems to be the general opinion that all jobs are not equally soft, but that one may be ever sure of enough to eat and a decent burial if he goes to church at communion seasons and keeps up his penny dues.

April 30—If we continue this itinerary the expected flood may not materialize. Little rain fell today in spite of threatening skies, and we held meetings in four villages. In one place we had a pleasant visit with three of the Christians. After weary days are spent in talking to those who, still without the light are groping in darkness, it is a great joy to sit down with those who know and love the Master.

Our cook has returned from his trip for bread with which to replenish our depleted larder before our communication with Mrs. Kempf is cut off. We are still less than a day's walk from Tak Hing. The cook brings news of the arrival of fresh troops at Tak Hing. Whether these troops are to be stationed there or moved farther up stream he is unable to say. We are anxious to know what the final outcome of this Kwong Tung-Kwong Sai struggle will be.

May 1—This is a rainy Sabbath and we have come down out of our trench to a village where the waters of the Ma Hui River empty into the West River. The children at this place have asked us into their homes, insisting that they all have time to listen to the Gospel when it rains. Our trench warfare against the devil will cease now for several days, as we hope

to get out into the big river before tomorrow morning and will keep our little boat anchored along its shores while we walk overland to the inland towns.

During a brief lull in the downpour this morning we left our little ark and splashed through the mud and water up to the village of Ma Hui Hau. We were received into a big, clean work-room, where a fair-sized audience soon gathered. The picking of mulberry leaves had stopped during the rain and the silkworm raisers had *tak haan* (leisure) to hear the Doctrine. Some bright-faced little girls, who should be in school, eagerly studied the Commandments, while the men and women listened to the Biblewomen.

We reached the boat at 2 o'clock without a downfall on the part of any, but our skidding by the way made us ready sympathizers with a less fortunate fellowman who came after us. Although he possessed but one visible tooth, and his general appearance in other respects fell far short of the average, he seemed to labor under the impression that he was good to look upon, an unfortunate attitude, too, for it attracted the attention of many at a most inopportune moment for him. Drawing near a high bank, up which ran a row of little triangular steps he slipped and came bouncing and bumping down those slimy notches in a way to jolt the conceit out of any man. His one phrase of profanity gained in velocity as he slid and as he landed in the slush at the foot of the grade those words rang out across the hills like machine-gun fire. He has been walking up and down the bank since and every time we see that plastered back we close the window and take a good laugh.

We enjoy our Biblewomen so much. Loh I Koo keeps us all laughing. She is such a jolly little midget. Just now she is sitting at the side of her room catching driftwood as it comes down the swiftly rising river. She saw a fine big board floating down and

watched it eagerly for some time, then when it heaved up alongside our craft she made a frantic dash and brought it up, only to let it loose again in utter disgust, for she had grabbed a coffin lid.

May 2—This shallow stream became a yellow river almost over night and our boatmen, "Laddie" and "Uncle Reuben," assured us this morning that it was now possible to re-enter the Ma Hui valley and carry the Word farther than we could ever hope to do when streams are too low for boats to ascend. Acting upon this suggestion we returned again toward Ma Hui (horsemarket) and tonight finds us anchored at Taai Po Tung. We walked up to this village this afternoon and talked to about twenty women, several men and a number of children. They showed some reluctance in their reception of us at first but the women were quite tactful and courteous in opening their talks and we could feel the atmosphere change rapidly. Before we left they were quite profuse in their expressions of approval and told us we had "much heart" to come to their village.

I wish you could see the little group on the grassy shore just now. Chan Tak, our cook, is reading to grandmother Cheung, who is bent low over the book in her eagerness to see every character. Uncle Reuben is sitting by listening. "God is Spirit—God is Light—God is Love."

NELLE A. BROWNLEE,
LILLIAN L. MCCracken.

What right have we to glory in Christian conquests afar if we do not help to make these conquests possible?

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True humility is not having a poor opinion of ourselves, but having a high opinion of God.

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No prayer takes hold of God until it first takes hold of the man who offers it.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. METHENY.

MERSINE, ASIA MINOR,
June 30, 1921.

To the Readers of the OLIVE TREES:

On the 17th of June, 1921, a memorial service for Dr. S. A. S. Metheny was held in the chapel of the American Mission in Mersine. The chapel was filled to its utmost capacity and many could not gain entrance. Representatives were present from the American Board Missions, both from Adana and Tarsus. Nearly all the different communities of native Christians were represented, and some of their leaders spoke a few words in appreciation of the life of Dr. Metheny. The large audience was eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which Dr. Metheny was held in Mersine, among all classes of people, while all the addresses, calling to mind his high Christian standards, gave evidence of the deep and lasting influence of that same godly life. No nobler monument could be erected to the memory of any one than the earnest testimony of so many lives that they had each one been made

better by knowing him, and that in his passing on they had lost a personal friend.

The main account of the life of Dr. Metheny was given by Dr. Sarkis Badeer, who, for a number of years, was intimately associated with him in study and in medical practice.

May the Lord raise up others to carry forward the work which he so dearly loved, and to which he gave his life.

Yours in the Master's service,
R. E. WILLSON.

The following program was carried out at the memorial services:

DR. S. A. S. METHENY.

Born August 20, 1869—Died March 26, 1921.

MEMORIAL SERVICE,
AMERICAN MISSION CHAPEL.

Chairman,

Rev. Hamparzoom Goevkalaiyjian,
Pastor Armenian Protestant Church,
Mersine.

Singing—Psalm 23.

Scripture Reading.

Prayer.

Life History of Dr. Metheny,

Dr. S. Badeer

Resume of Life History in French,

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Life from Death Gebrail Luttof

Turkish Address,

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The Example of a Godly Life,

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The Life after Death,

Rev. Mikhail Luttof

Rev. Hanna Besna

Closing Words.

Prayer and Benediction,

Rev. R. E. Willson

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Under the same date Rev. Willson adds:

On Monday, July 4, we hope to open a reading room here. This is partly a venture of the native brethren. We are trying to make them feel that it is largely their responsibility, so that they will take a more vital interest in it. They, too, are putting money into it, and we think that will help them to feel a deeper interest in it. There is great need for something of this kind in the city. Of course, we are beginning in a very small way, but the possibilities of the growth of this feature are almost unlimited. One of the former school rooms is being utilized for the present, and most of the equipment will be from the school. Some changes and repairs were necessary. The expense of these was borne by the brethren; the expense for the subscriptions for papers and magazines is being paid by them; and 20 L. Tq. per month on the wages of the

person who will look after the reading room will be borne by them. The Mission agrees to supplement what the brethren cannot at present carry, and it is our hope that friends in the city will be interested enough also to help in the support of it by contributions. At the present time there appears to be a special desire for literature, and a special opportunity for the distribution of religious literature. We trust the Lord will open up a door for us.

We expect to leave next week for a couple of months at Suk-el-Gharb in the Lebanons. This is where the Language School is located, and besides being a change for the family I hope to have the advantage of a couple of hours a day in the Language School. It is a big undertaking for us, but it seemed imperative, especially for the children, to get away through July and August.

STORY, SONG AND ART

For music, he'd the birds, whose
morning song
He held within his hearth the whole
day long.
For art he had the richly-colored
scenes
That lay before his eyes, their lovely
greens,
The deep blues of the heavens, and
the wide,
Fair prospects of the rolling country-
side.
And when it came to letters, every
day
He found romances on his traveled
way,
And everything he saw, it was his
whim,
Told tales of joy or tragedy to him.
No thing God made to him was ever
dull,
And every day he lived of interest
was full
Of story, art and song, and in my view
He was the cheeriest wight I ever
knew.

—John Kendrick Bangs.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Edited by MRS. J. S. MARTIN and MRS. M. E. METHENY,
College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.

UNIFORM PROGRAMME

The favor with which the Uniform Programmes were received last year by our Missionary Societies has led to the preparation of a new series for 1921-22, beginning with August. It was approved at the recent Bi-ennial Meeting of our Synodical Society.

In accordance with the wish of many, the programmes are shorter this year. Only one Mission Study book is suggested, "The Kingdom and the Nations," by Eric M. North. It is highly recommended by our Literature Department, and will prove an interesting and instructive study.

Besides the six Mission Study programmes, there are also provided miscellaneous, special and alternate programmes. The tastes and talents of our members differ greatly, hence each society should adapt the series to its own requirements. Suggestions for a Thank-Offering meeting will appear in the October number of OLIVE TREES.

The price of the programmes is two cents each. The co-operation of all our societies will be greatly appreciated in order to maintain this low cost.

Send orders to the chairman of the committee, Mrs. William Esler, 426 Kelly avenue, Wilksburg, Pa.

(Signed)

MRS. J. M. MILLIGAN, Kansas Pres.
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Synodical Committee.

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The first order for Uniform Programmes went to Hemet, California; the second to Bovinia, N. Y.

Illinois Presbyterial was the first to be fully supplied with Uniform Programmes.

"THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE."

Though now separated, hundreds of miles, there can be the same blessed fellowship if we each live very close to the Master. May the coming year be one in which every member of every missionary society shall be "Spirit-filled" so that life's service may be a continual joy, bringing in richest fruits for Him. Let us lay special emphasis upon the devotional periods at our regular meetings. The Lord is waiting to be gracious.

The Uniform Program, 1921-22.

Ere this reaches you, you will have in your hands the Uniform Program for 1921-22, if you have responded to the announcements of the chairman, Mrs. William Esler, 426 Kelly avenue, Wilksburg, Pa. The programs are simplified somewhat. If carried through fully we will be more intelligent missionary women at the close of the year.

Revised Standard of Efficiency.

You will enjoy carrying in your Bibles, for frequent reference, the revised Standard of Efficiency sent out for every member, by the chairman, Mrs. T. H. Acheson, 117 West McIntyre avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. May each society strive for 100 per cent. efficiency.

Thank-Offering.

The recommendation of the Thank-Offering Superintendent, Mrs. J. K. M. Tibby, that we use our undesignated Thank-Offering for paying the salaries of lady missionaries was adopted by the W. S. M. S. There will be a co-operative spirit throughout the Church which will bring a blessing, if all societies follow the splendid program in October OLIVE TREES for the Thank-Offering service. Keep your Thank-Offering barrels or boxes in a convenient place, where you can "be thankful" as you drop in your

pennies, dimes or dollars. Let us make our Thank-Offering larger this year than ever before, as we give for the support of new teaching evangelists.

From the President, Mrs. Myrta M. Dodds.

My dear Co-Workers:

Very precious and inspiring are the memories of our "Together" meetings in Pittsburgh.

Plan of Work Board.

Watch for the wonderful report and recommendations of the Plan of Work Board. You will want to contribute to the drinking fountain for the school in Selma, Alabama, which this board recommends and to which the chairman, Mrs. R. C. Wylie, contributed the first offering of \$50 as a memorial to their dear daughter, Anna, who has gone to her heavenly home. Then the Junior Societies, I am sure, will want to send books, papers and magazines to the library in Selma. Be sure to report this to your Junior Superintendent, Mrs. T. C. Weir, Winchester, Kan.

There will be an added impetus as you fill your Thank-Offering box to pay the salaries of the two lady teachers for a Girls' School in Cyprus if the Foreign Mission Board see that the funds warrant the establishing of a Girls' School there, this being referred, by Synod, to the discretion of the Board.

Other Superintendents made splendid recommendations, which were adopted, and are being published for your help.

"Olive Trees."

For eleven years, Mrs. J. S. Martin has been Editor of the Women's Department in OLIVE TREES. This department now becomes the Department of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society. At an executive meeting of the Synodical, Mrs. J. S. Martin and Mrs. Mary E. Metheny were unanimously chosen as editors. No one but an editor knows the vast amount of work done by an editor in

publishing a periodical. Knowing this, these editors, tried and true for eleven years, hesitate to accept. We must earnestly hope that they will continue as our editors. Miss Mary McWilliams, as Junior editor, has already made for herself a place in the hearts of the Juniors.

This department has always been your department but, now, we want you each to feel more keenly your responsibility for its success and helpfulness. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Metheny deserve our most loving gratitude and appreciation and co-operation. Let us make this department the medium for spiritual inspiration, and an exchange of practical ideas for work, and study. May we have a more hearty and faithful response to the requests of the editors for donations?

HOW CAN WE PREPARE RECRUITS FOR OUR MISSION FIELDS?

The power of the Christian Church is measured by its passion for an unsaved world. The lack of this passion can be cured only by an earnest, intelligent and sympathetic look. The late War probably has demonstrated for us as nothing else could, the whiteness of the fields to harvest, and the repeated calls of our Foreign Board are but a repetition of the call of the Master to lift up our eyes and look, and the breadth of the field and the ripeness of the grain and the weak straggling ranks of the laborers stagger us.

When the Prince of War and Destruction did his worst there were thousands replied, "Here am I, send me" that I may help to alleviate human suffering and uphold the honor of my country. Shall we allow the Prince of Peace to call imploringly in vain that His spiritual aides fail Him not and that dishonor be not cast upon His princely name?

When the call came for thirty-three millions of dollars for Europe's starving children and China's dire distress

from famine was presented to us, we rushed with open hands to give succor in their crucial hour of bodily need. What is our response to the appeal for spiritual help? Christianity must have feet, or it cannot go; hands, or it cannot build; lips, or it cannot speak; hearts, or it cannot love. We must give ourselves, that Christ may be given and we must come to a positive belief that the world must be won for Christ—not for Buddha or Mohammed. There are at present more than ten thousand (10,000) young priests preparing to go out as missionaries for Mohammed. This is a direct challenge. How shall we meet it? It can be successfully met only by thousands of consecrated young men and women, and it will mean scores, for our share of the undertaking. In October of 1918 20,000 nurses sailed from our shores for Europe. Today every Mission Board of every Church is calling for young women nurses and teachers. If all our young women were persistently asking the question, "What fit return, Lord, shall I make for all thy gifts on me bestowed?" we would have a long line of recruits. A medical missionary said, "Thank the Lord one thousand times that you are not a heathen, and thank Him ten thousand times you are not a heathen *woman*. No one owes greater return for the unspeakable gift than women. One has only to look at the women in lands where there is no Christ and their every wail bids us give thanks for the Saviour, and what more fit return can be made than to help lift up our poor benighted and degraded sisters who sit in the darkness and shadow of death. One young Chinese girl who came to America and contrasted the status of the American woman with her native sister said, 'How can the women in America believe the Golden Rule and do so little for us women in China? Would they wish no more done for them were they in our condition than they are doing for us?'

This is not a time for women to fail. It was a woman who anointed the Saviour's feet; there were women who stood at the foot of the Cross and the women followed after and beheld the sepulchre and how His body was laid and a woman who came very early in the morning and found the stone rolled away and a woman who spoke first with our Lord after His resurrection and shall she fail Him now after the ripening suns of 2000 years have shone upon the whitening fields upon which He looked and are whiter now than then? Our prayer and expectations that there shall be many 'who shall give themselves for souls, not land and gold but give to God as sowers to the land give seed and as wise men to our Lord brought gifts.' Invest in that which fails not, nor grows old."

There are definite sources from which these recruits must come and some of these are:

1. The Home.
2. The College.
3. The Sabbath School.
4. The Missionary Church Organizations.

Mrs. John Coleman spoke on the first; Miss Mary Cabeen, the second; Miss Adele Christley, the third, and Mrs. R. M. Young, the fourth.

MRS. R. C. COLWELL.

PREPARING RECRUITS FOR OUR MISSION FIELDS; IN THE COLLEGE

This is an age in which the need for the spread of the Gospel is having an important place in the minds of Christian people. We are coming to understand as never before just what Christianity gives to a nation. As we see people, living and dying in a land where Christ is not known, we think of what Christ means to us and how useless their lives must be without even the knowledge of Him. We can think then what it would mean to these people, living in darkness, if we would hear a voice saying to us, "Who

will go?" and we answered, counting it a privilege more than a sacrifice; "Here am I, send me."

If this call is to be heard effectively, throughout the Church, the voice must resound throughout the Christian colleges of our land. In order that the vast numbers of young men and women in these institutions may catch a vision of the need for Christian workmen and a desire to devote their lives to a cause which affords such an opportunity and demand for efficient helpers. With such a goal as this in view, college training can be used as a training school for a life of active service wherever the best opportunity is afforded to serve their Master.

The motto of Geneva College has always been "Pro Christo et Patria," and the greatest testimonial that she has for her faithfulness in keeping this motto foremost in the minds of her students is the large number of men and women who have gone out from this institution into lives of active Christian service.

Today we find just the same careful Christian training and the same high standard kept before the minds of all. The organizations of the college which are doing real Christian work and are training leaders for such work are the Young Men and Young Women's Christian Association, the Student Volunteer Band, as well as the Bible Class and Students' Prayer Meeting. The Christian Associations hold regular weekly meetings. Inspiration along missionary lines has been gained through addresses by such people as Dr. F. M. Wilson, Rev. Roy, of the United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt; Miss Lee, of the Presbyterian Mission in India, and by field secretaries, who visit the college regularly. Beside hearing these who have been actually engaged in Mission work, Mission Study classes have been organized and book recommended for their value along this line used. The Christian Associations have supplied teachers in a Mission Sunday School

among the foreign element the past year.

The Student Volunteer Band is composed of five young men and women, who have pledged their lives for aid in Christianizing the world. Last year at the National Student Volunteer Association, held at Des Moines, Iowa, Geneva was represented by four delegates, who reported to the student body something of the great undertaking that was before the Christian people. Each year delegates are sent to the Annual Conferences.

The Student Prayer Meeting held every Sabbath evening, where the regular young peoples' topics are studied, and Prof. Coleman's Bible Class, held for an hour every Sabbath morning, are both splendid opportunities for Christian training. This year the monthly Convocation was started, the two churches on College Hill uniting the first Sabbath of each month, and the evening service placed in charge of one of the ministerial members of the faculty. These meetings have been very successful and have placed before the minds of Geneva students only the highest ideals.

In addition to the regular classroom work, where the best ideals are always upheld, all these means are being used, to give the student a correct estimate of what is to be done as well as to train his life so that it will be useful to Christ along whatever line he sees fit to devote it. But as the reports of the great need for workers come to us, we need to take as our battle cry the evangelization of the world in this generation. If students trained by the Church in our Christian colleges realized the criticalness of the time and the greatness of the opportunity, and if a great and united effort was put forth, wonderful things might be accomplished.

We need to put into practice all the training that we are receiving, face the problem squarely, so that the missionary enterprise may be brought to a successful issue and that Geneva

College may rank high among the colleges in the aid that she has given to evangelize the world.

MARY CABEEN.

Geneva, '21.

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We are sure our readers will enjoy the Women's Department this month. Read carefully Mrs. Colwell's paper, prepared for the Pittsburg Presbyterian, on "How Shall We Prepare Recruits for Our Mission Fields." She gives the division she made of the subject and the ones responding to each. Space will only allow what we have given. In the next issue we hope to give the others.

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Miss Mary McWilliams, Synodical writer for Junior Department, will give a synopsis of the Junior Mission Study book in the next issue.

GENEVA.

The Women's Missionary Society of Geneva Congregation has held twelve regular and three special meetings during the year. One of these was for the purpose of increasing our membership.

Our number was decreased by the death of one of the members, and the removal of two to other congregations, where they joined the societies there. We received five new members, so that our net gain is two. Three who have removed to other localities retain their membership, and help financially. They pay regularly their Presbyterian Contingent dues.

Our roll bears sixteen names, but our average attendance must still be reported as seven—mathematically it is seven and a half. We cannot attain to the standard of efficiency in this matter so long as some of our members are not within our bounds, and one is debarred from attendance by reason of advanced age.

Our financial report appended will show that we have tried to help in the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

For our share in the furnishing of

the Mersine Hospital we purchased the spoons and forks of Panama silver required for hospital use.

We have not quite finished "The Bible and Missions," but hope to do so at the May meeting. We have not read the Home Mission book at all; in fact, have not seen it. We find that it takes all the time for the one book, and even then we could use more time to good advantage. We desire to put on record that thus far "goodness and mercy" have followed us.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Mrs. M. L. Pullinger, Treasurer.

Balance from last year	\$1.40
Synodical Contingent (last year)	3.50
American Bible Society, Memorial to Mrs. Anderson	10.00
Jewish Mission	10.00
Southern Mission	10.00
Indian Mission	10.00
Mr. Carithers' salary, 1st half yearly installment	30.00
Donation to Aged People's Home	5.00
Expressage on barrel of fruit to Home	1.08
Domestic Mission	10.00
Levant Missions	20.00
China Mission	25.00
To one afflicted	10.00
Mr. Carithers' salary, 2d installment	45.00
American Bible Society	30.00
R. R. fare of Pres. to and from Executive meeting	2.34
Cost of silver for Mersine hospital	18.26
Presbyterian Contingent	1.60
	\$329.18

A barrel of fruit was packed and sent to the Aged Peoples' Home.

MRS. DAVID METHENY,
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Our duty is to be useful—not according to our desires, but according to our powers.

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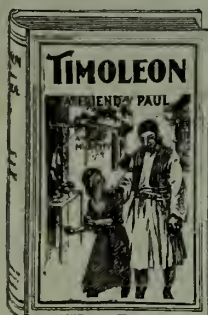
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